50 PARABLES IN THE QURAN

The Qur’an employs numerous parables (amthal) to convey profound moral and spiritual lessons. Scholars have identified such parables within its text. Below is a collection of these parables, along with their corresponding verses:

1. Parable of the Mosquito:

Allah is not ashamed to present the example of a mosquito or something even smaller. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:26)

2. Parable of the Dog:

The example of those who reject our signs is like that of a dog. (Surah Al-A'raf 7:176)

3. Parable of the Spider's Web:

The example of those who take protectors other than Allah is like that of the spider who builds a house. (Surah Al-Ankabut 29:41)

4. Parable of the Donkey Carrying Books:

The example of those who were entrusted with the Torah but did not take it on is like that of a donkey carrying volumes. (Surah Al-Jumu'ah 62:5)

5. Parable of the Slave and the Free Man:

Allah presents an example of a slave owned by quarreling partners and another belonging exclusively to one man. (Surah Az-Zumar 39:29)

6. Parable of the Two Gardens:

Present to them the example of two men: We granted to one of them two gardens of grapevines. (Surah Al-Kahf 18:32)

7. Parable of the Dead Land:

And the dead land is a sign for them; we gave it life and brought forth from it grain. (Surah Ya-Sin 36:33)

8. Parable of the Good Tree and the Bad Tree:

A good word is like a good tree… and the example of a bad word is like a bad tree. (Surah Ibrahim 14:24-26)

9. Parable of the Rain:

He sends down from the sky, rain, and valleys flow according to their capacity. (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:17)

10. Parable of the Light:

Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The example of His light is like a niche within which is a lamp. (Surah An-Nur 24:35)

11. Parable of the Garden on a Height:

Would any of you wish to have a garden with date-palms and vines… then it is struck by a fiery whirlwind. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:266)

12. Parable of the Towns:

And Allah presents an example of a city which was safe and secure; its provision coming to it in abundance from every location. (Surah An-Nahl 16:112)

13. Parable of the Believer and the Disbeliever:

The example of the two parties is like the blind and deaf, and the seeing and hearing. (Surah Hud 11:24)

14. Parable of the Housefly:

O people, an example is presented, so listen to it. Indeed, those you invoke besides Allah will never create as much as a fly. (Surah Al-Hajj 22:73)

15. Parable of the Fire:

Their example is that of one who kindled a fire, but when it illuminated what was around him, Allah took away their light. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:17)

16. Parable of the Rainstorm:

Or [it is] like a rainstorm from the sky within which is darkness, thunder, and lightning. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:19)

17. Parable of the Slave and the Master:

Allah presents an example: a slave owned and unable to do a thing and he to whom we have provided from us good provision. (Surah An-Nahl 16:75)

18. Parable of the Deaf and Mute: And Allah presents an example of two men, one of them dumb and unable to do a thing. (Surah An-Nahl 16:76)

19. Parable of the Man Who Kindled a Fire:

Their example is that of one who kindled a fire, but when it illuminated what was around him, Allah took away their light. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:17)

20. Parable of the Garden with Flowing Rivers:

The example of [this] worldly life is but like rain which we have sent down from the sky that the plants of the earth absorb. (Surah Yunus 10:24)

21. Parable of the Blind and Seeing:

Not equal are the blind and the seeing, nor are those who believe and do righteous deeds and the evildoer. (Surah Ghafir 40:58)

22. Parable of the Dead and the Living:

Nor are the living and the dead equal. Indeed, Allah causes to hear whom He wills. (Surah Fatir 35:22)

23. Parable of the One Who Passes by a Township:

Or [consider such an example] as the one who passed by a township which had fallen into ruin. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:259)

24. Parable of the Cupbearer and the Baker:

And there entered the prison with him two young men. (Surah Yusuf 12:36)

25. Parable of the Rich Man and the Poor Man:

And present to them an example of two men. (Surah Al-Kahf 18:32)

26. Parable of the Goodly Word and the Evil Word:

Have you not considered how Allah presents an example, [making] a good word like a good tree. (Surah Ibrahim 14:24)

27. Parable of the Life of this world

The life of this world is like play and amusement (Surah Al-Hadid 57:20)

28. Parable of the Worldly Life as Rain:

The Qur’an compares the transient nature of worldly life to rain that brings forth vegetation, which eventually dries up and scatters. (Surah Al-Kahf 18:45)

29. Parable of the Fly:

Those who invoke others besides Allah are likened to someone trying to retrieve something taken by a fly, illustrating the futility of their actions. (Surah Al-Hajj 22:73)

30. Parable of the Slave Owned by Quarreling Partners:

A man owned by disputing partners is compared to one owned by a single master, highlighting the confusion versus peace in servitude. (Surah Az-Zumar 39:29)

31. Parable of the Blind and Seeing:

The blind and the seeing are used as metaphors for those who do not believe and those who do, respectively. (Surah Hud 11:24)

32. Parable of the Deaf and Mute:

A person who is deaf and mute is compared to one who commands justice, illustrating the difference between disbelief and faith. (Surah An-Nahl 16:76)

33. Parable of the Living and the Dead:

The living and the dead are used to symbolize believers and disbelievers. (Surah Fatir 35:22)

34. Parable of the Goodly Word and the Evil Word:

A good word is likened to a good tree with firm roots and branches reaching the sky, while an evil word is compared to a bad tree uprooted from the surface of the earth. (Surah Ibrahim 14:24-26)

35. Parable of the Garden on a Height:

A garden on a height that receives abundant rain is compared to those who spend their wealth seeking Allah’s pleasure. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:265)

36. Parable of the One Who Kindled a Fire:

Those who reject faith are likened to someone who kindled a fire, but when it illuminated their surroundings, Allah took away their light, leaving them in darkness. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:17)

37. Parable of the Rainstorm:

The state of those who reject faith is compared to a rainstorm with darkness, thunder, and lightning, illustrating their fear and confusion. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:19)

38. Parable of the Spider’s Web:

Those who take protectors other than Allah are likened to a spider that builds a fragile house. (Surah Al-Ankabut 29:41)

39. Parable of Charity and Good Deeds:

A Bad charity is like a stone covered with dust washed away by rain (Surah Al- Baqarah 2: 264)

40. Parable of the Donkey Carrying Books:

Those who were entrusted with the Torah but did not apply it are likened to a donkey carrying books. (Surah Al-Jumu’ah 62:5)

41. Parable on Misguidance:

A hypocrite is like a rock with a thin layer of soil that washes away in rain – (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:264)

42. Parable on Misguidance:

A person who follows their desires is like a dog that pants continuously – (Surah Al-A’raf 7:176)

43. Parable on Misguidance

A person who accepts guidance is like one who sees clear water, while a disbeliever is like one in mirages – (Surah An-Nur 24:39)

44. Parable of Human Actions and Their Consequences

The stingy person is like one who holds his hand tightly closed – (Surah Al-Isra 17:29)

45. Parable of Human Actions and Their Consequences

A person who trusts in Allah is like one who holds a firm handhold that never breaks – (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:256)

46. Parable of Divine Power and Creation

A person relying on others instead of Allah is like a weak person leaning on a broken staff – (Surah Al-Ankabut 29:41)

47. Parable of Patience and Righteousness

A true believer's heart is like a fertile land that produces crops – (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:261)

48. Parable of Charity and Good Deeds

A person with knowledge but no action is like a donkey carrying books – (Surah Al-Jumu'ah 62:5)

49. Parable of life of this world:

Worldly wealth is like a garden destroyed overnight (Surah Al - Qalam 68:17-33)

50. Parables of the Life of This World

The life of this world is like fleeting enjoyment (Surah Ar-Ra'd 13:26)

These parables serve to illustrate various moral and spiritual lessons, guiding believers towards reflection and understanding.

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